

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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**IMPACTED DEPARTMENTS:** PA Health & Wellness Pharmacy Department

**SCOPE:**

This policy applies to psychotropic drugs prescribed to participants.

**PURPOSE:**

PA Health & Wellness will implement a psychotropic drug oversight program to reduce the prescribing of psychoactive medications to participants.

**POLICY:**

The Plan's psychotropic drug oversight program will:

- Measure psychopharmacology usage and prescribing patterns;
- Monitor the use of, and the claims related to, psychopharmacology to identify target populations for proposed interventions;
- Prepare participant-specific profiles of medication use based on pharmacy data to inform BH-MCO;
  - Identify participants using 2 or more atypical antipsychotics
  - Identify participants using 2 or more antidepressants
  - Identify participants using 3 or more mood stabilizers.
- Coordinate with BH-MCO to develop prescriber and pharmacy interventions that reduce unsupported atypical antipsychotic prescribing and prescribing of multiple medications to the same participant.
- Submit reports to show the participants identified and shared with the BH-MCO.

<b>REFERENCES:</b>
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<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>
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### POLICY AND PROCEDURE APPROVAL

*Director of Pharmacy: Signature Approval on File*

*Medical Director: Signature Approval on File*

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